



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Bluefin Tuna United States Stakeholder Meeting; Meeting Announcement

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a public meeting to discuss a Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) long-term harvest strategy. This meeting is intended to prepare for potential discussions at the 2022 meeting of the Joint Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee (NC) Working Group on a long-term harvest strategy for PBF fisheries across the Pacific Ocean. The meeting topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on April 1, 2022, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. PST (or until business is concluded). You must complete the registration process by March 23, 2022, if you plan to attend the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**). Members of the public may submit written comments on meeting topics or materials to Celia Barroso at [celia.barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:celia.barroso@noaa.gov) by March 23, 2022, and may also provide oral comments during the virtual meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** If you plan to attend the meeting, which will be held by webinar, please register at <https://forms.gle/qQZdp6LVXn2K9KD6>. Instructions for attending the meeting will be emailed to meeting participants before the meeting occurs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Celia Barroso, NMFS West Coast Region at [celia.barroso@noaa.gov](mailto:celia.barroso@noaa.gov), 562-432-1850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the 6th Meeting of the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group (JWG) meeting (July 27-29, 2021, Japan Time), the International Scientific Committee on Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) recommended that, in order to proceed with the development of a long-term harvest strategy for PBF, the JWG consider management objectives and metrics by which to measure whether a proposed harvest strategy will meet those management objectives. This April 1 meeting is to prepare for anticipated discussions at the 2022 meeting of the JWG regarding the process and information needed to evaluate the effectiveness of potential harvest strategies.

**PBF U.S. Stakeholder Meeting Topic**

The agenda for this meeting will be distributed to participants in advance of the meeting. The meeting agenda will include a discussion on management objectives and metrics to measure how potential future harvest strategies for PBF meet those objectives.

**Special Accommodations**

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be indicated when registering for the meeting (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 23, 2022.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*)

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